

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 886

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William and Alva Lee
on the celebration of their 50th wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1960, William Hayden Lee and Alva Ann Brauch were joined in holy matrimony in Nashville, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, both natives of Nashville, had the good fortune to be born and raised in Middle Tennessee and the even greater fortune to live the past 37 years in East Tennessee, where they have been highly respected citizens of Farragut and longtime members of Concord United Methodist Church, where they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee has distinguished himself as an engineer and public servant with the Tennessee Valley Authority, as a carpenter of great skill and unmatched integrity, having personally renovated most of the homes along Sweetgum Drive in the Sedgefield subdivision of West Knox County, and as the engineer of the Nashville & Western Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lee has dedicated herself to her family as a wife and mother, to her many close friends as a confidant and bridge partner without peer, and to her community as a tireless volunteer, such that there is not a meal served at Concord United Methodist Church that she has not had a hand in preparing, nor is there a week gone by at the church's CADES adult day care program where she cannot be found caring for those senior members of the community who benefit from her warm embrace, loving smile, and generous laugh; and

WHEREAS, this couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced one fine daughter, Eve Davis Lee, a world-traveled marketing executive who resides in Somerville, Massachusetts, and one lobbyist son, Tom Lee, who finally showed the results of his raising in marrying a remarkable spouse and daughter-in-law, Laurie Sanders Lee, who nobly serves the State of Tennessee as executive director of benefits administration; and

WHEREAS, the Lees are also proud grandparents to Virginia Carol Zhang Jing Lee; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Lees' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lee on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.